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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES ARMY ALASKA AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUBJECT: Logistical Air Support for Placement and Extraction of the National Park Service Medical/Rescue Camp on Mount Mckinley

1. Purpose. To clearly delineate the roles, responsibilities, and relationship concerning USARAK support to the NPS placement and extraction of a medical/rescue camp on Mt. Mckinley each climbing season.

2. References.

a. DODI 4000.19, Subject: Interservice and Intragovernmental Support, dated 9 Aug 95.

b. AR 500-2, Search and Rescue (SAR) Operations, 15 Jan 1980.

c. United States Army Alaska Regulation 525-4, 31 Jan 1998.

3. Problem. Commands/installations providing SAR assistance must absorb costs incurred in SAR operations within existing funds. The placement of the medical/rescue camp does not fall within the explanation of, nor the types of SAR missions specified in AR 500-2. USARAK will continue to be faced with decreasing financial resources for Mission Essential Task List (METL) training and mission accomplishment and can no longer fully absorb the cost of this mission.

4. Scope. This agreement is limited to the specific topic of USARAK logistical air support to the NPS for placement and extraction of the medical/rescue camp on Mount Mckinley. It does not address search and rescue operations conducted in support of the National Search and Rescue Plan.

5. Understandings, agreements, support and resource needs.

a. General. This mission/operation provides a training opportunity in support of SAR not only for mountain climber rescue at Denali, but for activities in support of the National Search and Rescue Plan such as in the event of a civilian airliner mishap in high altitude mountains. There is also the opportunity for Army helicopter flight crews and ground rescue personnel to train on other NPS lands in Alaska which is a significant asset. These opportunities would not be available without this mutual service exchange. This relationship still has the Army paying 87% of the cost of this operation.

b. USARAK.

(1) Through the High Altitude Rescue Team, support the placement and extraction of the NPS medical/rescue camp. Transport the camp from Talkeetna to the 14,200' basin on the West Buttress of Mount McKinley each spring (generally early May). Transport aviation fuel and supplies to the low base camp located at the Kahiltna Glacier approximately @ 7,000 feet.

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Transport the camp back to Talkeetna at the end of the mountaineering season (generally early July).

(2) Plan for transporting equipment weighing approximately 2,400 pounds. Due to safety factors this operation usually calls for the use of two CH-47 helicopters. Plan for the transport of five (5) NPS personnel who assist in loading/unloading of equipment. Provide for transportation of authorized National Park Service (NPS) personnel conducting SAR/HART related operations on a recurring basis. This negates the necessity for the generation of individual Invitational Travel Orders.

(3) Provide flying hours as available and within mission constraints. As appropriate, provide recommendations and suggestions to the NPS which will reduce costs for NPS operations.

(4) Develop an Interservice Support Agreement (ISA) to incorporate the provisions of this MOA and more specifically document the financial provisions of this recurring support.

(5) USARAK will coordinate with the appropriate Park Superintendant for major training events in support of HART missions.

c. NPS.

(1) Provide to B Company, 4-123 Aviation Battalion by 1 March of each year a detailed operation plan and movement schedule consisting of type and weight of cargo, and number of passengers to be transported to the low and high base camps. This plan will include approximate dates for installation and removal of those camps. Plan and schedule movement of the camp that maximizes the capabilities and use of the helicopters.

(2) Provide personnel at transport sites for loading and unloading of medical/rescue camp under the supervision of the aircraft Crew Chief/Load Master.

(3) Provide to B Company, 4-123 Aviation Battalion, a list of NPS authorized personnel for SAR transport prior to the climbing season. Update this list as required.

(4) Contract or reimburse USARAK for contracted support costs [food and lodging] to support train-up and camp emplacement. Contract or reimburse USARAK for the fuel cost differential (difference between military fuel cost and the civilian fuel purchased in Talkeetna). This subparagraph of the MOA is effective beginning 1 Jan, 2001.

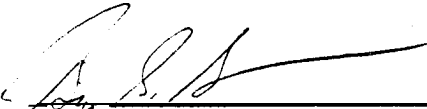
(5) Provide Army units and activities access to NPS lands in Alaska for training Cold Region Test Center (CRTC)/Northern Warfare Training Center (NWTC)/High Altitude Rescue Team (HART) personnel in high altitude operation. This does not constitute blanket authorization. The NPS grants authority for US Army helicopter training and landing on NPS lands in support of HART missions.

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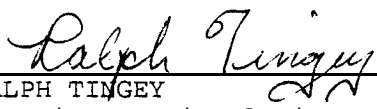
6. Effective date. This agreement is effective as of the date of the final signatory. Modify the agreement at any time by mutual consent. Either party may terminate the agreement/relationship with 180 days written notice to the other.

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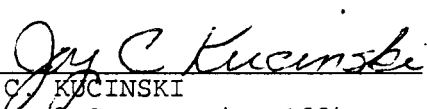

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